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1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE COUNCIL DECISION TO SUSPEND THE ISSUANCE OF IMPORT LICENSES FOR BEEF, VEAL, AND LIVE CATTLE, WHICH CONFORM OUR REPORT IN REF A THAT THE COMMISSION OPPOSED THE SUSPENSION AND WAS OVERRULED BY THE COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

2. THE DECISION TO SUSPEND THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES WAS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL UNDER THE SAFEGUARD CLAUSE IN THE BASIS BEEF REGULATION (REF B.) THIS SAFEGUARD CLAUSE PROVIDES FOR "APPROPRIATE MEASURES" IF BY REASON OF IMPORTS OR EXPORTS THE COMMUNITY MARKET EXPERIENCES, OR IS THREATENED WITH, SERIOUS DISTURBANCES.

3. THE PROCEDURE FOR INVOKING SAFEGUARD MEASURES SPECIFIES THAT SUCH MEASURES SHALL BE DECIDED BY THE COMMISSION AT THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER STATE OR ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, THE MEASURES DECIDED ON BY THE COMMISSION MAY BE REFERRED BY A MEMBER STATE WITHIN THREE DAYS TO THE COUNCIL, WHICH MAY AMEND OR REPEAL THEM.

4. FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND THE "JUMELAGE" SYSTEM (LINKING IMPORTS AND PURCHASES OF INTERVENTION STOCKS) TO FRESH AND CHILLED BEEF (REF C), A MEMBER STATE (REPORTEDLY FRANCE) REQUESTED THE COMMISSION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE ISSUANCE OF IMPORT LICENCES. THE COMMISSION REJECTED THE REQUEST, AFTER WHICH THE MEMBER STATE REFERRED THE MATTER TO THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL THEN INVOKED THE SAFEGUARD CLAUSE AND SUSPENDED THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES. THUS, THE DECISION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF A COUNCIL REGULATION AND NOT A COMMISSION REGULATION.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMISSION INSISTED, AND THE COUNCIL AGREED, THAT THIS SUSPENSION SHOULD NOT APPLY TO IMPORTS UNDER QUOTAS. THESE ARE A GATT BOUND QUOTA ARE FOR 34,000 MT OF FROZEN BEEF, AND QUOTAS FOR 30,000 HEAD OF "MOUNTAIN" CATTLE, AND 5,000 HEAD OF "ALPINE" CATTLE.

6. FOLLOWING THE DECISION TO BAN IMPORTS, LARDINOIS MADE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION TO THE COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION: "THE COMMISSION WILL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL, EITHER IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, ON THE SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL. IF THE SITUATION MAKES IT POSSIBLE, THE COMMISSION WILL IT SELF MAKE PROPOSALS FOR THE ENDING OF THE IMPORT PROHIBITION BEFORE NOVEMBER."

7. THE TEXT OF THE ABOVE STATEMENT WAS OBTAINED FROM A COMMISSION OFFICIAL AND SO FAR AS WE KNOW, HAS NOT BEEN REFERRED TO

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